

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the non-final Office Action dated November 14, 2005.

Claims 2, 6, 9, 11 and 12 were pending in this Action following the earlier response. An indicated allowability of claims 2 to 6 was withdrawn in view of a newly-discovered reference to Marcantonio, No. 5,796,170. Pending claims 5, 9 and 12 were indicated to be allowable. In response, each of the allowed claims is amended to include the subject matter of its base claim and any intervening claims, as discussed below.

Section 112 Rejection

Claim 2 was rejected as allegedly being indefinite for its use of a limitation “bare” when referring to a semiconductor. The offending language is removed from claim 2 and from the migration of the subject matter of claim 2 to claim 9. Withdrawal of the rejection is in order.

Rejection of claim 2 as anticipated and claims 3 and 4 as obvious over Marcantonio

Without indicating agreement with or acquiescence in the stated rejection. Claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 3 and allowable claim 5, so that amended claim 2 is prima facie allowable. Claims 4, 6, 11 and 12 are retained as dependent on amended, allowable claim 2, wherein claim 11 is now multiply dependent.

Claim 9 was amended to include the subject matter of its base claims 2, 3 and 4 so that amended claim 9 is also now prima facie allowable. Claim 11 is retained as dependent on claims 4 and 9.

Claim 12 is amended to be dependent on amended, allowable claim 2 rather than claim 5 which is incorporated into allowable claim 2.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2982 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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